

Interview Summary	Application No. 09/882,203	Applicant(s) BAYER ET AL.	
	Examiner J. Bradley Wright	Art Unit 3694	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) J. Bradley Wright. (3) Kenneth J. LuKacher (Reg. No. 38,539).
 (2) James P. Trammell. (4) David G. Bakken.

Date of Interview: 27 November 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: Configurator Software.

Claim(s) discussed: 25,27,28,42,44 and 45.


Identification of prior art discussed: Helot, et al. (US Patent Publication No. 2002/0169675) and Cansler, et al. (US Patent No. 6,725,257).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

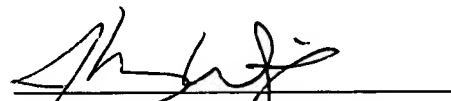
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


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 Examiner's signature if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant and his Representative began by presenting a computer demonstration of their invention. Applicant then reviewed claims 25 and 42 in light of the rejections. Applicant stressed that the configured products were not orderable. The Examiner noted that the claim language was directed to being available for purchase via the software. It was agreed that language regarding the configured products not being offered for sale would distinguish over the cited prior art. Applicant's representative argued that the cited prior art further did not disclose tracking the elapsed time as in claims 27 and 44. The differentiation between elapsed time and statistical data including hovering time was discussed. Applicant noted that tracking the elapsed time in surveys may be common in the field. Applicant's representative further argued that the prior art did not track the changes the users made during configuration as in claims 28 and 45. It was agreed that the cited prior art did not disclose tracking such data. Applicant's representative indicated that an amendment after final would be forthcoming including the agreed upon language that the configured product not be offered for sale.